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Hongkong, 15th April, 1897. [946]

THE YANTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, No. 20, The Bund, Shanghai, on THURSDAY, the 20th, at 3 o'clock, p.m. for the purpose of presentation of the Report of the Directors and the Accounts to the 31st December, 1896, the election of Directors and Auditors for the current year, and for the purpose of transacting any other business which may be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Association will be CLOSED from 19th April, 1897, to the 29th April, 1897, both days inclusive. Members holding proxies for absent Shareholders must deposit same with the Secretary for registration at least Forty-eight hours before the Meeting.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. JACKSON, Secretary. [945]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.
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Captain Bech, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 16th inst., at DAYLIGHT.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRANK & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1897. [943]

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Captain Taylor, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 17th inst., at NOON.
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Hongkong, 14th April, 1897. [942]

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Hongkong, 14th April, 1897. [944]

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1897. [321]

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CHAMBERLAIN INCHALL,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,
NAO NABEKURA,
Agent.
Hongkong, 12th April, 1897. [933]

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N. J. ELLIOT,
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J. B. COUGHLIN,
Secretary.

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WM. MACBEAN,
Manager.

THE SHANGHAI INSURANCE CO., Ltd.,
HONGKONG, 12th April, 1897. [934]

PERSEVERANCE LODGE.
OF HONGKONG, No. 1165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the PERSEVERANCE LODGE will be held at the BREMERSON'S HALL, TO-
DAY, the 15th inst., at 8.00 p.m.
5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 8th April, 1897. [893]

VICTORIA CHAPTER.
No. 525 E. C.

A REGULAR CONVENTION of the VICTORIA CHAPTER will be held at the BREMERSON'S HALL on TUESDAY, the 20th April, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Companions are cordially invited to attend.
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It is recommended that the directions on the boxes for making solutions shall be implicitly followed.

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BEWARE OF SPURIOUS IMITATIONS! [a339]

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NOTICE is hereby given that the EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, convened for THURSDAY, the 15th day of April, 1897, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, has been ABANDONED and that in lieu thereof a GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the SHAREHOLDERS' OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, on TUESDAY, the 20th day of April, 1897, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, when the opinion of the Shareholders present will be sought as to the raising of additional Capital or the reconstruction of the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES B. DUNCAN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th April, 1897. [925]

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From HONGKONG to WICHOW.
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Hongkong, 1st April, 1897. [934]

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VALUABLE AND USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, FINE SPORTING GUNS, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
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SATURDAY, the 17th April, 1897,
Commencing at 2.30 p.m.,
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Comprising:—
TAPESTRY, COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, CUPBOARD, and a SUNDY DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE, and a set of IVORY CARVINGS, ORNAMENTS, CARPETS, CURTAINS, &c.

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Terms of Sale: As Customary.
GEO. E. LAURENT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 13th April, 1897. [932]

POSTPONEMENT.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
MR. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received instructions from the Mortgagee to Sell by
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sent. A large shoot or happen, holding 100 tons of stone is being

to the "young men, another Queen's Cup, and an opportunity for your excitement, and so on." And why not a big athletic and gymnastic festival on the same lines which has been the gymnastic games of Athens, and which are now the property of the A.A.A. or the N.C.U., or any of the governing bodies. I would have a suspension of standing orders, if it may be put that way, so that we might see the gymnastic games at the A.A.A. or the N.C.U. at various athletic and gymnastic events, let them be amateurs or professionals as they chose.

TO TEST OUR STANDING.

Directly one begins to enter into details upon such a subject, only fresh doubts are introduced in the preceding paragraph, difficulties crop up in every direction. But surely these difficulties are not insurmountable. Let us see. From whence is to come the money to defray the expenses of the Sporting League, embracing within its ramifications most of the leading gentlemen connected with the various phases of

outdoor sport; up to the present, perhaps, it may not have achieved a great deal of any positive value, although it would probably be claimed on its behalf that it has stayed the hand of the despoiler. What better opportunity could be afforded of asserting its strength and its representative character than this? The organization, health, and vitality of our great

tion is, as should be, complete. Now, then, for a body of men to take the initiative by approaching the Amateur Athletic Association, the National Cyclists' Union, the Amateur Gymnastic Association, and the other bodies who watch over the interests of amateur sport, with the idea of formulating a scheme whereby we might arrive at some definite conclusions as to how our athletes and gymnasts compare with those of other nations. The question of status might crop up next. Then would I suspend, as I have already hinted, all present regulations which endanger an amateur's status. This done, what easier than to return to the "status quo?"

quo ante? These difficulties obviously, and there are no reason why England should not be the scene of as great a nation as any that ancient or modern Greece has fed eyes upon. Some little affairs of opinion may be anticipated. Should the number and class of events which should be included in a national programme, that approached in a broad-minded and tolerant frame of mind this problem might be easily solved. In the first place, events which might give rise to disputes between acknowledged experts should be rigorously tabooed, but put briefly, there should be running (long and short distance), jumping (high and broad), weight lifting and hauling, and some simple

gymnastic feats—such as rope-climbing, etc.—that would easily appeal to the approval and admiration of the non-expert mind. The competitions should (preferably) be open to British subjects alone, and here I mean, British in the widest possible significance. The prizes should consist of medals only.

THE REAL AND THE SHAM.

However simple anyone might regard himself with a programme appears, there can be no doubt that it would mean a trying lot of work to get it through its first stage. Given a free hand in the affair, the real amateurs, I honestly believe, would have no objection to compete for a Diamond Jubilee

modal in open competition, and I have sufficient faith in the better class professionals to lead me to believe that many of them are not altogether outside the pale of genuine sportsmanship. Give a man a reasonable incentive for emulation, be he amateur or be he pro, and there is no probability, to say the least, that he will do any genuine sport. So far so good. But the real common in whom the pseudo-amateur has to be dealt with, the man who, for ever prating his status and the departed tastes of the professional, but who never misses an opportunity of pocketing expenses or any little present that may be offered him for the privilege of being a nonrunner. These are the burglars of sports.

in all forms. Times out of number has been laid down that the men who have must be feared from contact with professions are those whose gentility will not stand serious risk. When the dividing line is so thin it is readily be understood that the unscrupulous public might easily mistake the one for the other, and the man who professes to have more to lose by contact with those lower in the social scale or supposedly lower, perhaps (and I would better) find plenty to excuse him in taking such risks which might endanger his status. You are all, I suppose, a little artificial at some time or other, but the conviction grows stronger as you go on, and I am glad that modern society is not so much as it once was.

saved the country. I am sure that the
 that power, if indeed it is quite as pure as
 then, sort of fifty or sixty years ago, in spite
 of all the legislative progress we have made.
 We have had the legislation; but not the puri-
 fication. What a splendid thing it would be,
 seems to me, if we could ignore all these class
 distinctions for, say, a single week, in order
 that Britishers might look upon the feast as
 the real champions of the hour! A few names
 occur to me as I write this, but it would be
 interesting to know what names would occur
 ing too great a liberty with the names as
 honourable sportsmen to mention them here
 until some move is made in the direction
 cated is made. When Britishers join British
 would be a sight for the Gods.

their aim, even when it is a legal claim.

HAMPERING SPORT.

One of the latest devices for hampering sport to which my attention has recently been directed is the introduction of recently propelled vehicles for the purpose of racing and shoddy racing cycles for the purpose of competing against the best of the Sheffielders might say. To sum up, the extension of the "record" craze caught at amongst the more important cycle manufacturers concerns that no effort is spared to secure records for the purposes of advertisement. In any way, this is legitimate enough; that is say, if the way lay in the best man accomplish

the best performance in one of the admitted best machines. But there is little enough in that in the entire proceedings associated with record-making, for too frequently it is a matter of an especially favourable day or the employment of especially expert pacemakers. It does not enter very largely, however, into these affairs, but what additional amount these machines have been able to run, since the time they dropped altogether if these motor horse-sharps are to be driven at the best of the world to record breakers. By this means it will be quite possible for an expert, well-trained cyclist to shelter himself in the way of one of these instruments and pedal away

with some amount of ease in what would
very much like a vacuum, the air resistance
such case being practically nil. This sur-
ought never to be tolerated by any organ-
tion professing to safeguard the interests
any particular sport or pastime. If the inven-
tive mind of man can produce a vehicle cap-
able of being driven along the highway
along a smoothly prepared surface at the rate
of one hundred miles in the hour, a
mile a minute, the inventor and his friends
must be the first to fight against their
prejudices against each other to their hearts' con-
tent in the name of all that is reasonable
and keep clear of every other form of spo-
rting. Not so long ago I heard of a well-known

professional cyclist being engaged to "drive one of these motors around a London track and he afterwards described the sensation something to be never forgotten, and questioned very much whether the stiffest bribes would induce him to try another run under two minutes. But to come back to my original contention, all such devices must inevitably tend to the undoing of the game, and so popular a pastime as football has become ought never to be tampered in so unworthy a manner. No world have I to urge against the horseless vehicles in their proper sphere, may be that we shall see a good deal of them in the near future. But all right-minded sportsmen

will, I am persuaded, agree with me that the place is not on the track with rising cyclists.

"TO SET BEFORE A KING."

The fitting highest honour of a personal invitation to reigning monarch is one that has to the lot of few private individuals. In our country, we have been accustomed to adore our worship our Queen from afar off; now and age however, his Royal Highness the Prince Wales has stepped into the arena of cricket football and permitted introductions to skip of various teams. G. H. Trott the Australian is one who highly prizes the distinction; and no doubt did the captains of the Corinthian

and the Preston North End team on the occasion of the London Charity Festival some years ago. F. Doylhurst and the other Walter Uelove, were the honoured ones on that occasion. The special correspondence of the day tell how both competitors were in real fashion. But the fact could not have nearly so trying as London cyclist, was subject of the well-known Danish. It may be remembered those who follow the doings of our cranks to the race between Chas. and J. Stooks in the 50 kilometres race. An especially severe one. At the start later led, but his machine arrangements were

A high-contrast, black and white image showing a dense, textured surface, possibly a wall or a large piece of paper, with a dark, irregular shape in the lower right corner. The texture is grainy and noisy, with many small black specks and lines. The dark shape in the lower right corner is irregular and appears to be a shadow or a hole. The overall image is very dark and has a high level of contrast.

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